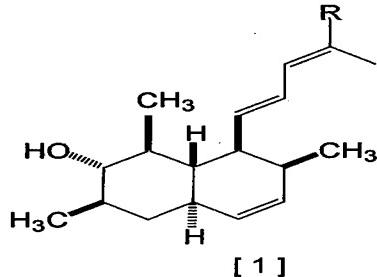


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An octahydronaphthalene derivative compound represented by the following formula (1):



wherein R represents carboxy, hydroxymethyl, alkoxyethyl, alkoxycarbonyl, or —CONR¹R²;

R¹ and R² are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, phenyl, or alkyl, and

wherein said alkyl may be substituted by

- 1) phenyl which may be substituted by a halogen atom, alkyl, dialkylamino, hydroxyl, or alkoxy;
- 2) 2-pyridyl;
- 3) 3-pyridyl; or
- 4) 4-pyridyl,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The octahydronaphthalene derivative compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound represented by the formula (1) which is N-(pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-(2E,4E)-5-[(1S,2S,4aR,6R,7S,8S,8aS)-7-hydroxy-2,6,8-trimethyl-1,2,4a,5,6,7,8,8a-octahydronaphthalen-1-yl]-2-methylpenta-2,4-dienamide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A pharmaceutical composition, which comprises as an active ingredient the octahydronaphthalene derivative compound according to claim 1 or 2 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 4 (Canceled)

Claim 5 (Canceled)

Claim 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Canceled)

Claim 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (New): The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, which is an agent for suppressing ICAM-1 expression.

Claim 11 (New): The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, which is a therapeutic agent for inflammatory diseases.

Claim 12 (New): The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, which is a therapeutic agent for rheumatoid arthritis.

Claim 13 (New): The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, which is an immunosuppressive agent.

Claim 14 (New): The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, which is an agent for suppressing cell growth.

Claim 15 (New): The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, which is an anti-cancer agent.

Claim 16 (New): A method for treating inflammatory diseases, rheumatoid arthritis or cancer, which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of the octahydronaphthalene compound according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 17 (New): A method for suppressing ICAM-1 expression, immunization or cell growth, which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of the octahydronaphthalene compound according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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